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EL DORADO SPRINGS FELON PLEADS GUILTY TO ILLEGAL FIREARM POSSESSION

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that an El Dorado Springs, Mo., man pleaded guilty in federal court today to being a felon in possession of three firearms.

Harold L. Perkins, 48, of El Dorado Springs, pleaded guilty before U.S. Magistrate Judge James C. England this morning to charges contained in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on March 31, 2005, in Springfield.

By pleading guilty, **Perkins** admitted that he was a felon in possession of a Charter Arms Pathfinder .22-caliber revolver, an Iver Johnson Target .22-caliber revolver and an F.I.E. Titan .25-caliber pistol on Dec. 2, 2004, in Vernon County, Mo. Under federal statutes, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Perkins** has a 2004 criminal felony conviction for possessing a controlled substance.

Under federal statutes, Graves explained, **Perkins** may be subject to a maximum sentence of 10 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$250,000.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Angela C. Hasty. The case was investigated by the Vernon County, Mo., Sheriff's Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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